

Bollington Urban District Council



ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and the

**PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR/
HOUSING OFFICER**

for

1968



MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH -

W. R. PLEWS,
L.R.C.P. & S., D.R.C.O.G., D.P.H.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND HOUSING OFFICER -

A. P. BATES,
Cert.S.I.B., M.A.P.H.I.

SENIOR CLERK - E. MARTIN.

PART-TIME CLERK - MRS. E. LOWNDES.

11, King Edward Street,
MACCLESFIELD.

To: The Chairman and Members of the
Bollington Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It gives me pleasure to present my Annual Report
for the year 1968.

In previous reports I have mentioned that the
number of births, deaths and other vital statistics are
too small for accurate statistical conclusions to be drawn
and this must be borne in mind when considering the Report
for the year 1968.

The total live births fell from 120 in 1967 to
100 in 1968, but the birth rate is still above the national
average. The total deaths increased from 60 in 1967 to
72 in 1968. However, this is less than the quinquennial
average of 76.

The Urban District Council's first Clearance Area
having been confirmed in 1967, it was hoped that progress
would continue in 1968. A start was made on house inspections
of another area, but owing to the pressure of work on your
Public Health Inspector and other departments this work
had to be postponed.

I have included as usual, for your interest, my
Annual Report to the Divisional Health Committee, which of
course covers Bollington U.D.C. as well as Macclesfield M.B.C.
and gives a wider picture of the Health Service within the area.

In conclusion I would like to thank the Chairman
and Members of the Health Committee for their interest and
help, which they have given to the department and also the
Officers and Staff of my own and other Departments for their
help and co-operation throughout the year.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

W. R. Plews,

Medical Officer of Health.

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GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area in acres	1443
Population (Registrar General's Estimate - Mid 1968)	6120
Number of inhabited houses (December 1968)	2359
Total Rateable Value	£214634
Product of Penny Rate	£872
Live Births	100
Still Births	4
Deaths	72

<u>VITAL STATISTICS.</u>	Male.		Female.		Ratio of local adjusted birth rate to National Rate:
	1968	(1967)	1968	(1967)	<u>1.03.</u>
LIVE BIRTHS (legitimate)	49	(56)	42	(54)	
Rate per 1000 population (Crude)					Comparable figures in England/Wales
16.3					<u>1968.</u>
Area Comparability figure 1.07					16.9
Corrected figure					
17.4					

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u> (illegitimate)	7	(7)	2	(3)	
Percentage of total live births					8.65
<u>STILL BIRTHS</u>	2	(-)	2	(1)	
Rate per 1000 total live and still births					3.8
					14.3
<u>TOTAL LIVE AND STILLBIRTHS</u>	58	(63)	46	(58)	

<u>INFANT DEATHS</u>					
Infant Mortality (under 1 year)	-	(-)	1	(-)	18.3
Neonatal Mortality (under 4 weeks)	-	(-)	1	(-)	
Early Neonatal Mortality (under 1 week)	-	(-)	-	(-)	
Perinatal Mortality (stillbirths & deaths under 1 week)	2	(-)	2	(1)	24.7

REGISTERED DEATHS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
1963	39	33	72
1964	53	45	98
1965	33	31	64
1966	41	45	86
1967	36	24	60
1968	35	37	72

The Crude Death Rate for 1000 population for 1968	11.8
The comparability factor for 1968	.98
The corrected Death Rate for 1968	10.56
The corresponding Death Rates for 1967 (Crude)	10.00
Comparable Figure for England/Wales 1968	11.9

<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH</u>	1968 (1967)		1968 (1967)		1968 (1967)	
	<u>Male</u>		<u>Female</u>		<u>Total</u>	
Cancer (all forms)	13	(5)	12	(2)	25	(7)
Vascular lesions of nervous system	-	(2)	1	(2)	1	(4)
Diseases of Heart and Circulation	12	(16)	12	(15)	24	(31)
Pneumonia Bronchitis and Asthma	7	(4)	6	(1)	13	(5)
Accidents, Suicides etc.	-	(3)	2	(1)	2	(4)
All other causes of death	3	(6)	4	(3)	7	(9)

AGE GROUP AT DEATHS

	1963		1964		1965	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Under 4 weeks	-	-	-	-	-	-
Under 1 year	3	1	3	2	-	-
1 - 5 years	-	-	-	1	2	-
6 - 15 years	-	-	-	-	-	-
16 - 25 years	1	-	-	1	-	1
26 - 45 years	2	-	1	-	4	1
46 - 65 years	12	6	18	8	14	14
66 - 74 years	8	8	15	14	-	-
75 + years	13	18	16	19	13	15
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	39	33	53	45	33	31
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	1966		1967		1968	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Under 4 weeks	-	-	-	-	-	1
4 weeks under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 year	1	-	-	-	-	-
5 years	-	-	-	1	-	-
15 years	2	-	1	-	-	1
25 years	1	1	-	1	1	1
35 years	1	2	3	-	-	1
45 years	-	2	3	-	2	2
55 years	10	6	7	1	9	5
65 years	12	14	11	6	13	11
75 years and over	14	20	11	15	10	15
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	41	45	36	24	35	37
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The number of deaths, 72 was more than in 1967, when there were 60.

The proportion of persons dying over the age of 65 is 66.2% compared with 71.66% in 1967.

23 persons aged over 65 years died in hospital i.e. 47% of all deaths over 65 years of age.

GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE FIGURES FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The falling birth rate has now reached its lowest level since 1959.

The death rate was .7 higher than the figure for 1967.

Births exceeded deaths by about 243,000 in 1968.

Births exceeded deaths by about 289,000 in 1967.

Population estimated at 30th June, 1968 was 48,669,000 which was 270,100 greater than the estimate for 1967.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The following diseases were notified during the year 1968 1967

Scarlet Fever.....	-	(8)
Measles.....	66	(26)
Whooping Cough.....	-	(9)
Erysipelas.....	-	(-)
Sonnei Dysentery.....	-	(52)

TUBERCULOSIS.

Not now notified locally.

SONNEI DYSENTERY

No reports received for 1968.

LEGISLATION 1968

STATUTES

Rent Act, 1968.
Trade Descriptions Act, 1968.
Countryside Act, 1968.
Health Services and Public Health Act, 1968.
Caravan Sites Act, 1968.
Clean Air Act, 1968.
Medicines Act, 1968.

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

No. 97 Imported Food Regulations, 1968.
430 Fish and Meat Spreadable Products Regulations, 1968.
1474 Skimmed Milk with Non-Milk Fat (Amendment) Regulations,
1968.
2046 Canned Meat (Amendment) Regulations, 1968.
2047 Sausage and Other Meat Product (Amendment) Regulations,
1968.

Department of Employment and Productivity

849 Offices, Shops and Railway Premises (Hoists and Lifts)
Regulations, 1968.
863 Offices, Shops and Railway Premises (Hoists and Lifts)
Reports Order, 1968.
1047 Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963 (Exemption
No. 5) Order, 1968.
1183 Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963 (Exemption
No. 6) Order, 1968.
1947 Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963 (Exemption
No. 7) Order, 1968.

Department of Health and Social Security

1362 Health Services and Public Health Act, 1968 (Commencement
No. 1) Order, 1968.
1366 Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations, 1968.
1576 Public Health (Ships) (Amendment) Regulations 1968.
1662 Health Services and Public Health Act, 1968 (Commencement
No. 2) Order, 1968.

Home Office

170 Miscellaneous Fees (Variation) Order, 1968.
927 Inflammable Liquids (Conveyance by Road) Regulations, 1968.
928 Inflammable Substances (Conveyance by Road) (Labelling)
Regulations, 1968.

Ministry of Housing and Local Government

- No. 35 Assistance for House Purchase and Improvement (Housing Association) Regulations, 1968.
99 Rag Flock and other Filling Materials (Variation) Order, 1968.
234 Housing (Improvement and Standard Grants) (Rate of Interest) Regulations, 1968.
431 Clean Air (Measurement of Grit and Dust) Regulations, 1968.
1922 Clean Air Act, 1968 (Commencement No. 1) Order, 1968.

Privy Council

- 570 Petroleum (Inflammable Liquids) Order, 1968.
571 Petroleum (Carbon Disulphide) Order, 1968.

Ministry of Transport

- 43 Removal and Disposal of Vehicles Regulations, 1968.

CIRCULARS

Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

- 25 Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations 1959: Approved Chemical Agents.
29 Fish and Meat Spreadable Products Regulations, 1968.
61 Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations 1959: Approved Chemical Agents.
62 Skimmed Milk with Non-Milk Fat (Amendment) Regulations, 1968.
63 Brucellosis (Accredited Herds) Scheme.

Department of Health and Social Security

- 25 Dogs in Food Shops, Restaurants and other Food Premises.
30 Health Services and Public Health Act, 1968: Part 111 Notifiable Diseases and Food Poisoning. The Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations, 1968.

Ministry of Housing and Local Government

- 2 Metric Units, Water, Sewage and Related Subjects.
11 Clean Air (Measurement of Grit and Dust) Regulations, 1968.
26 Rent Act, 1968.
28 Public Health Act, 1961: Building Regulations. The Agreement Board.
34 Oil Pollution of Beaches.
36 Clean Air Act, Housing Act, 1964: Designation of direct acting electric space heaters.
44 Countryside Act, 1968.
46 Clean Air Act, 1956: Housing Act, 1964.
49 Caravan Sites Act, 1968
51 Countryside Act, 1968.
59 Noise from Concrete Breakers.
64 Industrial Effluents.
69 Clean Air Act, 1968.

OFFICIAL REPORTS AND MEMORANDA

Clean Air Act 1956: Memorandum on Smoke Control Areas.

Royal Commission on Local Government: Written evidence of professional organisations.

Report of the Committee on Local Authority and Allied Personal Social Services (Chairman: F. Seebohm).

The Administrative Structure of the Medical and Related Services in England and Wales. Ministry of Health Green Paper.

Old Houses into New Homes, Cmnd. 3602.

Emissions from Cold Blast Cupolas.

Food Additives and Contaminants Committee Report on Further Classes of Food Additives.

Food Additives and Contaminants Committee Report on Azodicarbonamide.

Food Standards Committee Report on Soups.

Food Standards Committee Report on Jams and other Preserves..

HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

The Council owns 126 dwellings which were built pre-war.

315 dwellings which were built post-war.

441 dwellings, of which 52 are post-war built Bungalows.

During 1968 - 13 houses changed tenants

3 bungalows changed tenants.

The following statistics are included for information :-

1968.

	£
Supervision and Management	2840
Housing Repair Fund Income	8510
Housing Repair Fund Expenditure	9280
Housing Repair Fund Balance	4582
Average annual contribution per house	18
Average annual expenditure per house	21
Balance per dwelling in Housing Repair Fund	10

COUNCIL HOUSE MAINTENANCE

The Bricklayer, Mr. Tom Finney ceased to work for the department in May 1968 and subsequently died in November 1968. Mr. K. Lomas was employed as a private Bricklayer and we paid him on a time only basis.

Michael Ash was appointed apprentice with the Plumbing section on 16th April 1968.

Outstanding work was being reduced in volume and the tradesmen found it easier to plan a day's work to cope with urgent jobs and pick up other work of a less urgent nature on the present system of work allocation.

The recording of all details on individual house cards is proving very useful to the administration of the department.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS - Engineer and Surveyor.

The Council's Surveyor has furnished the following particulars:-
Discretionary Grants

<u>Year</u>	<u>Applications approved</u>		<u>Total amount of</u>	<u>Schemes</u>
	<u>Owner Occupiers.</u>	<u>Owners of Rented.</u>	<u>approved grants.</u>	<u>Completed.</u>
1965	2	2	£1036	3
1966	4	1	592	3
1967	9	-	1320	6
1968	6	1	1856	7

Standard Grants

<u>Year</u>	<u>Owner Occupiers.</u>	<u>Owners of Rented Houses.</u>	<u>Total Completed.</u>	<u>Total Grants.</u>	<u>Amenities Provided.</u>				
					1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
1965	10	3	6	£613	6	6	3	6	3
1966	14	3	17	1553	14	15	14	17	13
1967	19	1	10	1115	10	10	10	10	10
1968	25	1	16	2141	16	16	16	16	16

The Number of New Houses Erected in 1968.

By Local Authority: Nil By other Persons: 40

COUNCIL PROPERTY INSPECTIONS

Property Repairs.....	130
Damp Houses.....	4
Drainage	23
Council House Exchanges.....	12
Supervision of Houses.....	303
Painting & Contract Supervision.....	23
Stores Supervision.....	36
Community Centre.....	16
Bungalow Outbuildings.....	7
Dirty Premises.....	3

SEPTIC TANKS

In 1962 the Council agreed to bear the whole cost of emptying domestic septic tanks in the district, utilising the vehicle owned by the Macclesfield Rural District Council.

During 1968, 7 tanks were emptied, at a total cost to the Council of £9. 15. 0d.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

RECORD OF INSPECTIONS

Public Health Complaints

Fumigation	.....	1
Keeping of Animals	.....	5
Caravan Sites	.....	15
Dirty Premises	.....	6
Drainage	.....	80
Septic Tanks	.....	23
Flooded Cellars	.....	24
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises	.....	21
Canteen and Food Premises	.....	35
Factories Act	.....	22
Civic Amenities Act	.....	7
Clearance Area.	.....	23

Food Inspection

Meat	.....	437
Hygiene & Cruelty	.....	40
Ice Cream Sampling	.....	8
Water Sampling	.....	11
Poultry Premises	.....	7

Sundry Inspections

Property Repairs	.....	56
Welfare Visits	.....	22
Infectious Diseases	.....	8
Specimens to laboratory	.....	19
Petrol Regulations	.....	6
River Pollution & Stoppages	.....	3
Noise Complaints & Investigations	.....	14
Atmospheric Pollution	.....	24
Nuisances	.....	42
Rodent Control	.....	43
Tip	.....	7
Miscellaneous	.....	54

Reciprocal arrangements continued with the Macclesfield Rural District Council to the effect that the Inspectors of that authority would carry out duties (mainly meat inspections or Petroleum Officer duties) in Bollington Urban District during times of illness or when on holiday, and that the Public Health Inspector/Housing Officer would carry out similar functions for the Macclesfield Rural District Council if the need arose.

Meat Inspection

The following charges, which are less than the maximum permitted charges, were fixed by the Council for the inspection of animals intended for the food of man, provided that slaughter-house operators restrict all calls for meat inspection to normal working hours, except in the case of emergencies. In practice however the Public Health Inspector is obliged, for the sake of the smooth and efficient running of the service, to inspect on the Sunday meat which is killed on the Saturday or Sunday morning.

Bovines, other than calves	.....	1/3d.
Calves or Pigs	.....	6d.
Sheep or Goats	.....	3d.

Details of the animals slaughtered and inspected and the incidence of disease etc., are set out in the following tables:-

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED - 1968.

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	866	32	17	4119	1239
Number inspected	866	32	17	4119	1239
Corresponding figure 1967	1113	16	15	4530	701

All diseases except Tuberculosis:

Whole carcasses condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	48	-	1	44	1
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis.	5.33%	-	.06%	1.05%	.014%

Tuberculosis only:

Whole carcasses condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	7
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	-	-	-	-	.56%

Cysticerci:

Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	1	-
Carcasses submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration.	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised & totally condemned.	-	-	-	-	-

SAMPLING:-

Ice Cream 7 samples were taken during the year and were reported upon as being within the provisional limits for bacteriologically satisfactory ice cream.

Milk. Supplies - Brucella Abortus.
The regular routine sampling of milk in the district is undertaken by the County Council Health Department, which is the licensing authority for bottling and dealers establishments under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations. The results of the sampling are received from the County Council Officers. No evidence of tubercle bacilli in milk was found during the year.
Since the completion of the Ministry of Agriculture's eradication programme for tuberculosis, the County Council has turned its attention to the incidence of brucellosis in milk. Brucella organisms are destroyed by heat treatment of milk, but their presence in raw milk can produce undulant fever in humans. Where evidence of the presence of these organisms is demonstrated in routine sampling, immediate action is set in motion to isolate the affected cow (so as to prevent the milk being sold in its raw state).
The following table summarises the work of the County Council in respect of sampling the milk supplies of the district :-

	Total Submitted	Number Brucella Positive
Bulk Samples	9	-
Dealer Samples (Herd Samples)	89	-
Individual Cow Samples	15	-
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Total	113	-

There are 5 Dairy Herds in the district from which milk is sold raw to the public.

The County Public Health Laboratory Service collected Milk and Cream Samples in the District with results as follows :-

<u>MILK</u>	Methylene Blue Test		Phosphatase Test		Passed Turbidity Test
	<u>Passed</u>	<u>Failed</u>	<u>Passed</u>	<u>Failed</u>	
Pasteurised	62	1	41	-	-
" (Homo)	16	2	5	-	-
" (C.I.)	18	2	2	-	-
Untreated	59	3	-	-	-
" (C.I.)	45	7	1	-	-
Sterilised	-	-	-	-	17

CREAM

2 samples of cream, one pasteurised and one untreated, were tested and both failed the methylene blue test in 0 hours.

6 Animal inoculations showed no evidence of Brucellosis.
11 " " " " " " Tuberculosis.

FOOD PREMISES

There are four bakehouses in use in the district.

CLEAN AIR

There are no smoke control areas in the district, a complaint of industrial smoke and fumes was received during the year . Exhaustive tests and observations were being conducted as the year ended.

RODENT CONTROL

The Council has an obligation to inspect their district for infestations of rats and mice and to carry out the treatment for their extermination on their own properties. A part-time Rodent Operator who also undertakes the treatment of vermin at private dwelling houses free of charge and at business premises at the expense of the occupiers, is employed for these purposes. Several of the larger industrial premises and a few farms are serviced under annual contracts.

The total number of properties inspected for the infestations as a result of notification was 334 and the number inspected during the course of survey was 1,696.

FACTORIES ACT

Inspections for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors)..

<u>Premises</u>	<u>Number on Register.</u>	<u>Inspected.</u>	<u>Written Notices.</u>	<u>Occupiers Prosecuted.</u>
Factories in which Section 1,2,3,4 & 6 to be enforced by Local Authorities.	1	-	-	-
Factories not included in the above in which Sect. 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	35	22	-	-
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-

Cases in which defects were found:

<u>Particulars.</u>	<u>Number Found.</u>	<u>Number Remedied.</u>	<u>No. Referred to H. M.</u>	<u>Notified by H. M. Inspector.</u>	<u>Number Prosecuted.</u>
Want of Cleanliness	1	1	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature.	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation.	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences.	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient.	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective.	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences.	-	-	-	-	-

OUTWORK

Nature of Work.	No. of outworkers in August required by Section 110(1) (c)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in unwholesome places.	Notices served.

Wearing
Apparel
(Making
up etc.)

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OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963.

The following table shows the number of registrations and inspections made under the provisions of the Act :-

TABLE A

Class of Premises.	No. of premises newly registered during year.	Total No. of registered premises at end of year.	No. of premises receiving a general inspection during the year.
Offices	2	8	4
Retail Shops	-	23	14
Wholesale shops/ Warehouses	-	-	-
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens.	-	2	2
Fuel storage depots	-	1	1
Totals	2.	34	21

TABLE B

Number of visits of all kinds (including general inspections)
to Registered premises. 48.

Analysis by Workplace of persons employed in registered
premises at the end of the year:-

TABLE C

	<u>No. of persons employed.</u>
Offices.	43.
Retail Shops.	22.
Wholesale Departments, warehouses.	-
Catering departments open to the public.	2.
Canteens.	4.
Fuel Storage depots.	3.
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Totals :- Male 40. Female 34.	74.

TABLE D - Exemptions.

Part I	Space	Nil.
Part II	Temperature	Nil.
Part III	Sanitary Conveniences.	Nil.
Part IV	Washing Facilities.	Nil.

TABLE E - Prosecutions.

Nil.

TABLE F. Staff.

Number of inspectors	1
Number of other staff employed in connection with the Act.	Nil.

CHESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MACCLESFIELD DIVISIONAL HEALTH COMMITTEE

Tel. Number:-
Macclesfield 6259/50

W. R. PLEWS, L.R.C.P. & S., D.R.C.O.G., D.P.H.,
Divisional Medical Officer of Health.

28th May, 1969.

To:- The Chairman and Members of the
Macclesfield Divisional Health Committee.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to submit my Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 1968.

In my last Annual Report I expressed concern that the attendances at Day Nurseries had fallen, fortunately during the past year attendances increased by 2,347 each day nursery having an increased daily average attendance, though still below their capacity. At the time of writing the waiting lists have virtually disappeared so the administration of the nurseries has been altered so that applications are now made direct to the Matrons who will thereby be in a position to fill vacancies without delay.

The number of notified births during the year have fallen for the first time in several years. The number of hospital confinements increased; this results in a fall of 50 in the number of home confinements. These statistics however do not present the whole picture, as the number of hospital confinements accepted for early discharge also increased and became the responsibility of the domiciliary midwives when the mothers and infants are dismissed from hospital to their own home.

I would like to draw your attention to the Day Centre for the Elderly Mentally Infirm which started in December, 1967. The number of patients has increased dramatically during the year from 7 to over 30. This service is much appreciated by the relatives and friends. The Matron maintains a friendly and homely atmosphere and the majority of patients have improved both physically and mentally because of regular meals and regular medication as prescribed by the patients family doctors. Very soon now an experiment is taking place, in that all the patients will be going for a weeks holiday with the staff. Not only should the patients benefit but it is giving many relatives a useful rest and I am sure the Committee will wish the patients and the staff every success in its new venture.

I would thank all the Divisional Staff particularly those in the Divisional Office for their hard and loyal work throughout the year and I also give my thanks to all voluntary workers and officers and the staff of the district council who have helped the department throughout the year.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

W. R. PLAWS

Macclesfield Divisional Medical Officer of Health.

Constitution of the Divisional Health Committee:-

County Council

Alderman George Astbury, J.P.)
Councillor A. Richardson) Ex-Officio
Alderman A. E. Barwood
Alderman Mrs F. L. Tunstall
Councillor H. E. R. Peers (To Aug. 1968)
Councillor J. H. Godwin (To 23. 4. 68)
Councillor Mrs. A. M. White (From 23.4.68)

Macclesfield Borough Council

Alderman Mrs H. O. Barentz
Alderman Mrs L. Davenport
Alderman Mrs M. E. Wright (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Mrs M. D. Buckley
Councillor Mrs H. Heywood
Councillor W. E. Lyon
Councillor Miss D. Morley
Councillor G. W. Scragg (To 15. 6. 58)
Councillor Mrs G. Weatherby
Councillor Mrs K. E. M. Dobson (From 15. 6. 68)
Councillor V. Farr (From 9. 9. 68)
Councillor J. Wright (To 15. 6. 68)

Bollington Urban District Council

Councillor Mrs E. A. Mosley, J.P.
Councillor Mrs W. Duncan (From 15. 6.67)

Co-opted Members

Mrs S. M. Hope	Representing	Macclesfield and District Hospital Management Committee
Dr E. J. Clandillon	- do -	Local Medical Panel Committee within Division
Mrs A.M.White (To 15. 6. 68) Mr J. L. Barentz (From 15. 6. 68)	- do -	No.10 Divisional Executive for Education - Macclesfield and District.
Mrs J. Britton	- do -	National Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children
Mrs B. Davies, J.P.	- do -	St. Dunstons Institute for the Blind
Mrs E. Wemyss Smith (Chairman)	- do -	Macclesfield Council of Social Service

Staff - Macclesfield Division

Divisional Medical Officer (Part-time with Macclesfield Borough)	-	W.R. Plews, L.R.C.P. & S., D.R.C.O.G., D.P.H.,
Assistant County Medical Officer & Assistant School Medical Officer	-	H.M. Levis, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., M.B., B.S., D.P.H.,
Assistant County Medical Officer	-	Sheila Sherrington, M.B., B.S.,
Ophthalmic Surgeon (Part-time)	-	A. Holmes-Smith, M.A., M.B., B.Chir., D.O.M.S.,
Paediatrician (Part-time)	-	J.D. Allen, M.D., F.R.C.P.,
Ear, Nose & Throat Surgeon (Part-time)	-	O.T. Taylor, M.B., Ch.B.,
Speech Therapist (Part-time)	-	Mrs J. Cowley
Occupational Therapist	-	Mrs M. J. Hoey
Chiropodist	-	Mr F. Murphy
Clerk to the Divisional Health Committee	-	A.E.F. Dargy .

Divisional Health Office

Divisional Administrative Assistant	-	H. Greenhouse (Part-time with Macclesfield Borough)
Senior Clerk	-	Mrs E. M. Bannister
Clerks	-	Mrs M. H. Andrews (Welfare Foods and Chiropody) Mrs B. Honey (Immunological Records) Mrs M. Mottershead (Part-time with Macclesfield Borough) Mrs G. A. Coppock Mrs R. J. Coe (Part-time Welfare Foods and Immunological)
Clinic Clerk (Part-time)	-	Mrs M. Siggins
School Clinic Clerk	-	Mrs B. Chadwick
Adult Training Centre Clerk (Part-time)	-	Mrs I. G. Marshall
Domestic Help Supervisor	-	Mrs J. Cheetham

Mental Welfare

Area Mental Welfare Officer	-	R. Ashton
Adult Training Centre Superintendant	-	W. Lowe
Junior Training Centre Supervisor	-	Mrs M. Cheadle
E. M. I. Day Centre, Matron	-	Mrs E. M. Oldham

Day Nursery Matrons

South Park	- Mrs J. I. Hulme
Glegg Street	- Mrs E. Roberts
Hurdsfield	- Mrs A. C. Aspden
Bollington	- Mrs C. A. Allen

Health Visitors

Miss T. Martin, Clinic Centre, Earlsway, Weston	(Tel.3721)
Miss J. Samuels, 52 Bridge Street	(Tel.5501)
Miss W. G. Grimstone, Sanders Square, Moss Estate	(Tel.3800)
Mrs A. M. Marriott, Hurdsfield House	(Tel.3282)
Miss C. Crosbie, Bollington Welfare Centre	(Tel.Boll.2376)
Miss E. Plaiter, Clinic Centre, Earlsway, Weston	(Tel.3721)
Mrs K. Jarvis (Part-time), Hurdsfield House	(Tel.3282)

County Midwives

Miss F. A. Scrivens, Flat 2, Sunny Bank, London Rd	(Tel.3853)
Mrs M. Woolstenhulme, 55 Wentworth Avenue, Weston	(Tel.4575)
Mrs F. E. Davies, 10 Fairfield Avenue, Bollington	(Tel.Boll.2326)
Mrs H. E. Moulton, 37 Rising Sun Road, Gawsorth	(Tel.7350)
Mrs M. Fitzgerald, 2 Wilton Crescent, Weston	(Tel.2495)
Mrs A. Watson (Part-time) 18 Surrey Rd. Gawsorth	(Tel.4455)

District Nurse/Midwife

Miss A Barlow, 13 Waterhouse Avenue, Bollington	(Tel.Boll.3179)
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District Nurses

Mrs J. Bridge, 3 Heyes Farm Road	(Tel.6305)
Miss A. K. Keates, 28 Berwick Close, Upton Priory	(Tel.Prestbury 88188)
Mrs P. V. Moores, 11 Rainow Road	(Tel.5639)
Mrs M. Leonard, 62 Merebrook Road, Weston	(Tel.6054)
Mr J. E. Billings, 21 Hillcrest Road, Gawsorth	(Tel.5654)
Mrs M. Wood, Ingersley Vale Cottages, Bollington	(Tel.Boll.3204)
Mrs M. Hanily, (Part-time Relief) 12 Elmsway, Bollington	
Mrs L. McHattie, Burrswood, London Road, Prestbury	(Tel.Prestbury 89810)

Clinic Nurses

Mrs J. Porter
Mrs J. V. Lomas

There were a number of staff changes during the year and the above list is the position as at 31st December, 1968.

The Committee administer approved proposals under the National Health Service Act 1946, as under:-

Section 22	Care of Mothers and Young Children
Section 23 Midwifery	Section 24 Health Visiting
Section 25 Home Nursing	Section 26 Vaccination & Immunisation
Section 28	Prevention of Illness, Care & After Care
Section 29 Domestic Help	Section 51 Mental Health Service

The following is a record of work done during the year 1968.

SECTION 22 - Care of Mothers and Young Children

Infant Welfare Clinics

<u>Attendances made by children -</u>		<u>Attendances</u>		<u>No. seen by Doctor</u>	
		<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>
Bridge Street	52 Sessions	(4156)	4313	(946)	911
Hurdsfield House	52 Sessions	(2369)	2382	(459)	451
Sanders Square	49 Sessions	(1712)	1525	(518)	253
Weston	50 Sessions	(2753)	2662	(599)	603
Upton Priory	49 Sessions	(638)	1000	(345)	416
Bollington	51 Sessions	(3134)	2422	(609)	539

Pre-School & Young Children's Clinics

<u>Attendances made by children -</u>		<u>Attendances</u>		<u>No. seen by Doctor</u>	
		<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>(1967)</u>	<u>1968</u>
Bridge Street	9 Sessions	(116)	114	(108)	98
Hurdsfield House	11 Sessions	(92)	88	(92)	88
Sanders Square	11 Sessions	(150)	115	(123)	108
Weston	21 Sessions	(294)	331	(253)	288
Bollington	11 Sessions	(18)	94	(18)	94

Ante-Natal Clinics

<u>Attendances made by Mothers -</u>		<u>First Visits</u>		<u>Return Visits</u>		<u>No. seen by Doctor</u>	
		<u>(1967)</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>(1967)</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>(1967)</u>	<u>1968</u>
Bridge Street	12 Sessions -	(130)	187	(209)	228	(239)	330
Hurdsfield House	12 Sessions -	(157)	161	(257)	243	(295)	307
Sanders Square	11 Sessions -	(85)	76	(81)	112	(123)	143
Weston	12 Sessions -	(123)	116	(199)	178	(258)	224

Application for admission to West Park Hospital

		<u>(1967)</u>	<u>1968</u>
Number of Applications received	-	(494)	539
<u>Number accepted by West Park Hospital</u>	<u>Number Accepted by other Hospitals</u>	<u>Home Confinement due to Non-Acceptance</u>	
513	-	26	

WELFARE FOODS

The main storage and distribution centre at the The Divisional Health Office, Macclesfield and the distribution points at 52, Bridge Street, Hurdsfield House, Sanders Square, Weston Estate, Upton Priory and Bollington Welfare Centres and Bollington Council Offices were retained.

During the year the following quantities of foods were distributed, the previous year being shown in brackets:-

National Dried Milk	2396	(2921) tins
Orange Juice	14745	(15902) bottles
Cod Liver Oil	1209	(1220) bottles
Vitamins A. & D. Tablets	1436	(1454) packets
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Branded Foods including Milk Foods, Cereals and other commodities continued to be sold at the Welfare Centres and during the year the total sales amounted to -

£3,899. 14. 6d. (in 1967 - £3,428. 17. 7d.)

SPECIALISTS CLINICS

Ophthalmic Clinic - The Ophthalmic clinic at the School Clinic is available to mothers and children under 5 years of age and the following is a report of the work done during the year:-

No. of mothers who attended the Clinic	Nil
No. of children under 5 years who attended	60
No. of attendances made by children under 5 years	189
No. of children for whom glasses were prescribed	24

Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic - This clinic is held once each month at the School Clinic and is available to Mothers and Children under 5 years:-

No. of attendances made by mothers	Nil
No. of attendances made by children under 5 years	9
No. of children referred for Tonsils and Adenoids	6

Operation

Dental Treatment - Treatment carried out by School Dentist for Expectant Mothers and Children under 5 years.

	<u>No. of Inspections</u>	<u>No. of Visits</u>	<u>No. of Extractions</u>	<u>No. of Fillings</u>
Expectant Mothers	24	153	71	107
Children under 5 years	140	164	123	112

Dentures Supplied - 7

DAY NURSERIES

The following is a summary of attendances for the year and the total attendances for all the nurseries is up from 30,324 in 1967 to 32,671 in 1968.

	<u>Attendances</u>		<u>Total Average</u>
	<u>Under 2 years</u>	<u>2 - 5 years</u>	<u>Daily Attendances</u>
South Park	2162	6862	36
Glegg Street	1617	7161	35
Hurdsfield	3329	5441	35
Bollington	1979	4120	25

SECTION 23 - MIDWIVES SERVICES

Notification of births received:-

	<u>Live</u>		<u>Stillborn</u>		<u>Total</u>		<u>Total Births</u>
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	
Legitimate	430	394	9	7	439	401	840
Illegitimate	30	21	-	-	30	21	51
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	460	415	9	7	469	422	891
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There are five full-time, one part-time County Midwives and one District Nurse/Midwife employed in the Division. The District Nurse/Midwife is employed in Bollington, the greatest part of her work being midwifery.

There was a total of 891 births in the Division, 469 males and 422 females, of which 329 were home confinements and 562 Hospital or Nursing Home confinements.

Births took place as follows:-

	<u>MACCLESFIELD</u>		<u>BOLLINGTON</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>	
	<u>(1967)</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>(1967)</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>(1967)</u>	<u>1968</u>
Hospital	444	498	73	64	517	562
Home Confinements	343	292	51	37	394	329
Nursing Homes	4	-	-	-	4	-
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	791	790	124	101	915	891
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Of the 329 mothers who were confined at home, 44 were attended by Home Helps provided under Section 29 of the National Health Services Act.

HEALTH VISITORS

The following visits were made by the six full-time and one part-time Health Visitors employed in the Division.

	<u>First Visits</u>		<u>Total Visits</u>	
	<u>(1967)</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>(1967)</u>	<u>1968</u>
To Children under 12 months	986	1004	5877	3954
To Children 1 - 5 years	150	256	5671	4447
To Expectant Mothers	149	181	372	453
To Home Helps	4	8	8	14
Re Stillbirths	-	-	-	1
To Mental Defectives	-	1	58	22
To Infant Deaths	2	7	3	10
To Cases of Sickness	184	152	210	168
To Care and After-Care	26	117	360	613
To Cases of Tuberculosis	2	3	12	7
To School Children	36	53	394	473
Special Visits	8	34	534	718
No Access	100	232	1525	1299
	<u>1647</u>	<u>2048</u>	<u>15024</u>	<u>12179</u>

In addition to the above visits, the following clinics are attended by the seven Health Visitors:- Infant Welfare, Hospital Geriatric Clinic, Pre-School, Young Childrens, Ante-Natal, Vaccination and Immunisation, School Medical and Head-Inspections, Hospital Paediatric Clinic, and the various Specialist clinics.

SECTION 25 - DOMICILIARY NURSING

The number of full-time District Nurses employed in the Division is six and one District Nurse/Midwife and the visits made show an increase of 1,557.

Total Visits

20,898

SECTION 26 - VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

Records of Vaccination and Immunisation of persons under 16 years:-

	<u>Completed Doses</u>		<u>Reinforcing Doses</u>	
	<u>(1967)</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>(1967)</u>	<u>1968</u>
<u>Smallpox Vaccination</u>				
By Practitioners	211	219	6	5
At Welfare Centres	327	366	-	2
<u>Diphtheria/Whooping Cough/ Tetanus (Triple)</u>				
By Practitioners	342	464	314	401
At Welfare Centres	744	567	710	565
<u>Diphtheria/Tetanus</u>				
By Practitioners	-	-	-	-
At Welfare Centres	43	-	432	692
<u>Tetanus</u>				
By Practitioners	13	-	3	-
At Welfare Centres	-	-	-	-
<u>Poliomyelitis Vaccination</u>				
<u>Salk</u> - By Practitioners	2	2	-	-
At Welfare Centres	-	1	-	-
<u>Oral Sabin</u>				
By Practitioners	418	382	300	262
At Welfare Centres	701	482	474	334
<u>Measles</u>				
By Practitioners	-	307	-	-
At Welfare Centres	-	599	-	-

SECTION 28 - PREVENTION OF ILLNESS, CARE AND AFTER-CARE

Cytological Clinic

This clinic was started in October, 1966, to carry out tests for ladies between the ages of 25 - 60 years, to find those with a pre-cancerous condition and preventing the development of Cancer of the Cervix.

During 1968, 41 sessions were held and 411 patients attended, none of which were found to be positive.

Family Planning

The General Practitioners referred 3 cases on medical grounds to the Family Planning Clinic during the year.

Health Advisory Service for the Aged

This service continued at the Macclesfield Darby and Joan Clubs run by the W.R.V.S. held at the Parish Rooms and Heyes Hall, Weston, also at the Bollington Evergreen Club held at the Sports and Social Centre, Bollington, and at the Darby and Joan Club run by the Inner Wheel at St. Edward's Hall, Moss Estate, Macclesfield.

Health Education films are shown during the winter months and the Clinic Nurse attends to answer questions and talk to the members individually at each club, once per month, where the attendances are approximately 100, 90, 50 and 40 respectively. The films shown on Health Education and travel films on places of interest have been greatly appreciated by the Members of the Clubs and many of the members have expressed their interest in the films. The Clinic Nurse has also been able to successfully deal with the problems that have been brought to her notice either by the members or by the members of the W.R.V.S.

The Health Education Films shown were as follows:-

Window to the Sky	Cruising Holiday
The World Their Orchard	Jam Session
Room for Improvement	Voyage Home
Inheritance	All the Year Round with Sky
My Goodness	Tours
Royal Country	

Loan of Medical and Surgical Equipment

Articles of loan purposes are available at the Divisional Health Office. These articles were issued to new patients during the year 1968, as follows:-

Wheel Chairs	21
Bed Rests	41
Air Cushions	57
Bed Pans	62
Mackintosh & Plastic Sheets	45
Urinals	8
Feeding Cups	1
Bed Cages	17
Commodes	39
Bath Aids	14
Walking Aids	28
Toilet Aids	-
Hoyer Hoists	-
Enuresis Alarm	15
Other Miscellaneous Aids	14

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In addition to the afore mentioned, Bed Pans have been issued to the Midwives for use in confinement cases. Protective incontinence pants were issued to 10 cases for which 5,200 disposable interliners were issued and 12,000 disposable sheets were purchased for issue to District Nurses and patients.

Physically Handicapped Persons

Adaptations to property and equipment such as provisions of handrails to paths, ramps, bath and toilet aids, foundations for garages and widening of paths etc. were provided in twelve cases during the year.

Car Badges for severely disabled drivers were in use in 14 cases at the end of the year.

Handicapped Persons Club

The club has continued slowly in growth throughout the year, to include eight new members, and bringing the present membership to fifteen. Visiting members from the Northwich club for the Physically handicapped have attended almost weekly and return visits to the Northwich club have been made by our members on several occasions.

Work undertaken by the club during the year has been varied, factory out-work has included, cutting out of machined embroidery, banding of electrical transformers, and assembly of plastic toys. Funds have also been raised by the sale of spill holders made by the members, by the sale of re-made Christmas cards and by raffles.

The money earned in work production during the year has been collected into a club fund, and used to cover the cost of outings and social functions.

Day excursions last year were arranged to Buxton and Chester and an outing to Sandbach market was organised for the lady members. The annual Christmas dinner was repeated with a larger group of relatives and friends making up the party at a local cafe.

B. C. G. Vaccination

B.C.G. Vaccination against Tuberculosis is available to children in their 13th year. This age group involves ten schools in the Division and the following table shows the number of children vaccinated during the year.

No. of Children in age group.		No. of Consents Received.		No. of Children tested by P.P.D. Injections.		No. of Children vaccinated with B.C.G.	
(1967)	1968	(1967)	1968	(1967)	1968	(1967)	1968
845	860	726	699	707	669	630	616

Chiropody Service

This service is available to Pensioners, Expectant Mothers and Physically Handicapped Persons who are on Assistance from the Ministry of Social Security and the following new cases and total treatment were given during the year:-

	<u>No. of New Cases</u>		<u>No. of Treatments Given</u>		<u>Total No. of Patients Treated</u>	
	<u>(1967)</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>(1967)</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>(1967)</u>	<u>1968</u>
Persons over 65 years	132	139	3471	3555	628	707
Physically Handicapped	-	-	94	117	15	22
Expectant Mothers	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>132</u>	<u>139</u>	<u>3565</u>	<u>3672</u>	<u>643</u>	<u>729</u>

SECTION 29 - DOMESTIC HELP

The Supervisor has been employed full-time in this Division since 21st June, 1966, having previously been part-time with South East Cheshire Division, and the visits made by the Supervisor were as follows:-

Supervisory Visits	1840	Recruitment of Home Help Visits	32
New Patients Visits	319		

There were 63 Home Helps employed at the end of the year, but additional 49 had been employed over the year, making a total of 112.

401 aged persons (over 65) were attended, 57,149 hours help provided. The hours are an increase on the previous year of 13,194 $\frac{1}{2}$.

The statistics are as follows:-

	<u>Macclesfield</u>	<u>Bollington</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total No. of Hours worked during 1968</u>
Part-time	55	8	63	63,491 $\frac{1}{2}$

In the case of home confinement home help is usually provided for fourteen days after the date of confinement, most of the help provided is in fact for aged persons who are chronically sick or infirm, and each year shows an increased demand from this group.

<u>Number of Cases attended by Home Helps</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1967</u>
Maternity (including expectant mothers)	44	45
Chronic Sick and Tuberculosis	29	25
Persons aged 65 and over	401	321
Others	20	36
	<u>494</u>	<u>427</u>

Night-sitters attended on 23 occasions for a total of 204 hours, there is an ever increasing demand for this service which is only supplied at the special request of a Doctor, usually when a hospital bed is not immediately available.

30 aged persons are almost entirely dependent on the Home Help Service and receive help daily.

SECTION 51 - MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

Junior Training Centre

No. on Register at 31st December, 1968	68
Total No. of Attendances during 1968	10661
Average Daily Attendances	54
No. on Staff (including 2 G.P.H. Unit)	8

<u>Age of Children at 31. 12. 68.</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Total</u>
5 - 6 years (inclusive)	5	7	12
7 - 11 " "	24	16	40
12 - 16 " "	11	5	16
	<u>40</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>68</u>

Areas in which children reside:-

Macclesfield Borough	16
Macclesfield Rural	6
Congleton Borough	2
Congleton Rural	5
Cheadle & Gatley U.D.C.	17
Wilsnlow R.D.C.	12
Bramhall & Woodford U.D.C.	10
	<u>68</u>

13 children receive free meals.

During the year the transport facilities have been reviewed and no journey now exceeds one hour in travelling time. Escorts are provided to travel with the children there being two escorts on any transport carrying more than 15 children.

3 children transferred to the Adult Training Centre and one removed from the area.

A physiotherapist attends two sessions per week to give special treatment to children who have a physical handicap. In addition a chiropodist attends to give treatment one session per month. Both these services are of great help to the children concerned.

The Macclesfield and Wilmslow Societies for Mentally Handicapped Children continued to give their financial support and Mrs. Buxton of Macclesfield made a donation of £130 as a result of a "Bring and Buy" at her home. Various items of equipment were purchased including a number of bicycles, tricycles and scooters which give a great deal of pleasure.

The Hurdsfield "Tuesday Club" gave the children an excellent party and entertainment at Christmas and the Macclesfield Rotarians organised a visit to the circus at Belle Vue. In addition the children went on many excursions and outings to the Park etc.

A "Harvest Festival", other Open Days during Mental Health week were held for parents and friends.

A number of students were attached to the Centre for periods of practical training and many visits of investigation and observation were made by teachers and student teachers, nurses, social workers and school children.

Adult Training Centre

Attendances

Number on register at 31st December, 1968	92
Total Number of attendances during 1968	18024
Average daily attendance	79
Number of Staff at 31st December, 1968	8

The target for our efforts again this year has been to get as many Trainees as possible, out of the Centre into jobs in industry. Two new aspects however relating to this are having effect.

First the government "Selective Employment Tax" (S.E.T.) has made it even more difficult to persuade employers to give our Trainees a trial, and second is that we are now beginning to cut into the level of Trainees whose general potential for going out to work in a factory is borderline. These lads and girls who perhaps a year or two ago would have been considered only suitable for sheltered employment within a Training Centre.

Employment

Ten Trainees went out to jobs in industry, some trying more than one job, but four retained their original jobs.

Open Days and social activities

January 25th	Open Evening, Coffee, Country Dancing & Mime
October 17th	Jumble Sale Evening
October 22nd	Open Evening, Hair demonstration

Mental Health Week - June 9th - 15th

Tuesday	Evening Meeting with Film
Wednesday	Open Day
Thursday	Open Day

Visitors

January 11th	Church Womens Fellowship
January 31st	Student, Chesterfield, Mr. Wilkins
February 28th	School Medical Officers and Youth Employment Officers Meeting
March 28th	Student Nurses, West Park Hospital
April 4th	Miss Mary Applebey, General Secretary, National Association for Mental Health, Mr G. Evans, Cheshire County Welfare Officer
April 9th	Staffordshire Refresher Course Students
May 27th - 5th June	N.A.M.H. Student, training placement
July 23rd	Student Nurses, West Park Hospital
September 9th	Dr. Parker, Medical Officer of Health, Brighton & Party
September 26th	Students, Park-Side Hospital
October 15th	Student Midwives, West Park Hospital
December 2nd - 6th	Student, Teacher Training Courses, Harris College, Preston

Trainees Holiday - Pengwern Hall, Rhuddlan, North Wales

Ladies Week	12th - 19th July
Mens Week	19th - 26th July

Day Outing

September 24th	Heysham
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DAY CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY MENTALLY INFIRM

This Centre was opened at 33, Great King Street, Macclesfield, on the 11th December, 1967, and in June 1968 transferred to adapted premises at "Ashfield", Upton.

The number of patients on the register increased from 7 at the beginning of the year to 31 at 31st December, 1968.

The total attendances for the year was 3,297 giving an average weekly attendance of 13 over the full year.

AREA MENTAL WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR, 1968.

33, Great King Street,
MACCLESFIELD.

To:- The Chairman and Members of
the Health Committee.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Once again it is my pleasure and privilege to present to you the Annual Report on the work of the Mental Health Service in Macclesfield and Bollington during 1968.

Since my last report one mental welfare officer has been transferred to Stalybridge, another mental welfare officer has been seconded for two year professional training, and I have had the pleasure of welcoming two new officers to the staff, Mr. S. McKie and Mr. A. Shone. I feel sure they will both make a valuable contribution to the service.

Mental Health Week 1968, like the two former campaigns of 1966 and 1967 proved to be quite successful. The theme chosen was "Targets for Tomorrow" - the targets covering the five main areas in the mental health field which most need support and improvement, i.e. research, education, prevention, treatment and care. Events in the Macclesfield area included a Film Show supported by guest speakers, Open Meetings, and Open Evenings at the various social clubs. During the Mental Health Week we also had the very great pleasure of seeing Ashfield House opened as a Day Centre for the elderly mentally infirm. This was indeed the highlight of the year. May I take this opportunity of thanking everyone, from both Statutory and Voluntary organisations, who helped in so many ways to make Mental Health Week a success.

I am pleased to report that the liaison with Parkside Hospital continues to be excellent, thus enabling us to give a far more effective service to those who need it. Senior nurses from the hospital continue to attend the department for one week during their final year of training, and are therefore enabled to have a greater understanding of the community services.

Out patient facilities for the treatment of mental subnormality and the complications of subnormality continue weekly at Cranage Hall Hospital, and are attended by the Medical Director of Cranage Hall and the Principal Medical Officer for Mental Health for the County.

The Macclesfield and District Therapeutic Social Club (The Bridge Club) and the Over 16's Club for the Mentally Handicapped have had another successful year and once again I wish to pay tribute to all those people who give so freely of their time throughout the year.

Park Lane Hostel for subnormal females remains full, and it is rather disappointing to have to report that there has been little response to the County Council's Foster Home Scheme, whereby the Council make grants to foster-parents who are prepared to take a subnormal person into their home. Several of these young ladies are in full-time employment, and would be quite capable of living in the community if homes could be found for them.

The Mental Welfare Officers, and clerical staff, in the department have worked enthusiastically throughout the year, and to them I owe my sincere thanks.

May I, in conclusion, express my gratitude to the Chairman and Members of the County Health Committee, Dr. B. G. Gretton-Watson, County Medical Officer, Dr. W. R. Plews, Divisional Medical Officer, and the Chairman and Members of the Divisional Health Committee for their continued assistance and support.

A table showing the way in which cases referred from Macclesfield and Bollington area have been dealt with is given below.

NOTIFICATIONS

MENTAL ILLNESS.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Informal Admissions	46	87	133
Compulsory Admissions following application under Mental Health Act	26	32	58
Referred to other Agencies	24	42	66
Referred to Psychiatric Out-Patients Clinics	22	36	58
Cases referred where no action considered necessary	26	38	64
Cases receiving domiciliary support	58	66	124
Totals :	202	301	503

Elderly Mentally Infirm

	<u>Male 65+</u>	<u>Female 60+</u>	<u>Total</u>
1966	30	66	96
1967	24	38	62
1968	33	78	111

I remain,

Your Obedient Servant,

R. ASHTON

Area Mental Welfare Officer.

